

VIETNAM CLAIMS EX-ART STUDENT

**Pfc. Chin, 23, Was Due For
Discharge In March**

Pfc. Alexander S. Chin, a 23-year-old marine who had attended the Maryland Institute of Art on a scholarship, was killed last week in South Vietnam; the Defense Department announced yesterday.

Private Chin, who enlisted in the Marine Corps in March, 1966, was killed February 22 when a fragmentation bomb exploded near him while he was on an infantry operation at Quang Tri, his family was told.

A 1963 graduate of Douglass High School, Private Chin had been in Vietnam since February, 1967. He was scheduled to

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return to Baltimore on March 8 and, shortly thereafter, to be discharged from the Marines.

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He was assigned to the 3d Marine Division and, after completing his training at Parris Island, S.C., and Camp Lejeune, N.C., had been stationed at Camp Pendleton, Cal., from May, 1966, until he was sent to Vietnam.

Private Chin attended the Maryland Institute for three years before leaving school and working briefly for the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

An artist whose work ranged from realism to surrealism to abstract paintings, Private Chin had exhibited paintings at the Druid Hill Park art show, the Johns Hopkins University Hospital and at the Institute.

Also a sculptor, he intended to complete his studies at the Institute after his discharge from the Marines.

Private Chin, who lived in the 2100 block Koko lane, was "dissatisfied with the war in Vietnam," a family friend said yesterday.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Betty Chin; two sisters, Mrs. Lottie Green and Yvette Chin; and three brothers, Levi, John R. and Tyrone Chin, all of Baltimore.